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1.6-CENT STAMP ENVELOPE

A 1.6¢ stamped envelope for use of authorized non-profit organizations holding precancel and bulk mail permits, will be first placed on sale at Washington, D.C., on June 16, 1969. It replaces the 1.4¢ value which by law becomes obsolete July 1.

Except for the change in denomination and color, the design will be identical. The background of the stamp on the new envelope is orange. These envelopes are sold in post offices in the small No. 6¾ and large No. 10 sizes in full box lots only.

For the benefit of collectors, the 1.6¢ envelope will be placed on sale at the Philatelic Sales Unit, City Post Office, Washington, D.C., on June 16. The envelopes may be purchased in any quantities desired at 4 cents each, plus the usual postage and handling charges, the minimum of which is 50¢.

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OPENING REMARKS

By ASPPP Editor Ron Walenciak

With this issue we start a new series on autographed pages, in this case the stories behind the signers of Porter Philatelic Pages as told by Robert Ford Porter. I think you'll find them interesting. Also, Gerald Blankenship continues to write about his autographed Medal of Honor winners.

We also have some requests for you: to look through your collections of Pages and Stamp Posters and see if you have some information to provide your fellow collectors. In the American Eagle Coil Page article, I ask for you to check for stamp positioning and plate numbers; it's not much to ask, and it's a recent Page so you don't have to "dig" far to find it. In the www.asppp.org Web Site Update article, we ask Stamp Poster collectors to look for Benjamin Franklin Stamp Club logo's on Posters, and to give us information on philatelic pages, panels and announcements from other countries.

On a personal note, I was researching something for the web site and realized that I've been the Editor of this publication for the past twelve years, and for three years before that at the end of the eighties. That's fifteen out of twenty! I've enjoyed it, learned a lot, met a lot of collectors and seen some pretty interesting pages and panels. I think it's time to see if someone else would be interested in the position. Give it some thought, and if you're interested, contact me at the street or email address on page 2. I'm not in a hurry to go, but I'd like to start the ball rolling.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Ron Walenciak

Our 20th Anniversary ASPPP meeting is only weeks away, so if you are anywhere near Dallas Texas and the TEXPEX 2004 show, make it a point to join us! The show is April 2-4, 2004 and our meeting is on Saturday April 3 at 1pm. We have a table at the show for all three days, so even if you can't attend the meeting, stop by and say hello. Board Members Gerald Blankenship, Gary West, John Ngai, Bud Scrantom and I will all be there for some part of the show. We also plan to go out to dinner on Saturday night to celebrate our society's anniversary. If any members would like to join us, let me or one of the other Board members know.

There will be a Dedication Ceremony (also known as a "Second Day of Issue Ceremony") for the new Air Force Academy stamp being issued April 1 in Colorado. There will be national meetings of the Colombia/Panama Philatelic Society and the Scouts on Stamps Society International as well. This is a "World Series of Philately" show, so there will be almost 200 frames of high caliber exhibits as well as a bourse of national and regional dealers and seminars.

If you can't make this show, please consider stopping by the AFDCS Americover show in Indianapolis or the APS Stampshow in Sacramento, both in August. While we don't expect to have formal meetings at either show, we will have Board Members at the show table and a seminar at Americover. If you have some time to spare, even just a few hours, we would appreciate your help at any of these shows (basically, we distribute sample Pages, membership information and USPS subscription information, and talk to collectors about Pages and Panels.)

Also coming up in the near future is the deadline for submitting lots to our annual auction: April 20. Gerald covers all the details in his Auction Report on page **xx**. Your support of the ASPPP Auction as both a buyer and a seller is deeply appreciated. That support helps fund the society's work in educating collectors on the subject of philatelic pages and panels, and the various projects that we undertake (like our web site, for example.)

Many of the things we do appear on the web site first, so take a look at what we've posted there, if you can find internet access, and keep coming back to see what we've done lately! The web has become our means of comparison of Pages and Panels to a "standard"; we now know instantly when we have a variety or when we have an error. We can also contact members and collectors when there are Page and Panel issues that they should find interesting. The original American Eagle Coil stamp Cancellation Page, which had only two random coil stamps affixed, was one of those issues; we contacted the USPS, got the membership behind us, and the end result is a replacement Page with all ten Eagle stamps! And, the USPS was kind enough to supply the new Page for free!

We've also posted a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet listing all Souvenir Pages (and Cancellation Pages) that can be used as an inventory tool for Page collectors. It shows the Page number, first day of issue date, the face value of the stamps issued, and the title of the stamps. It's available to download on the Souvenir Pages web page. If you don't have internet access and would like the spreadsheet, contact me and I'll see that you get one on diskette or CD.

We expect to have similar lists for Commemorative Panels and Stamp Posters in the near future. Spreadsheet lists of private Pages might even be possible.

I'll look forward to meeting as many of you as possible in Dallas in April!

2003 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

By John Ngai, ASPPP Treasurer

The ASPPP ended the year 2003 with a cash balance of $7,634 and a net cash position improved $1,567.51 from last year, mainly due to the receipt of 16 new life memberships during the year. For the year, expenses exceeded income (excluding the lifetime membership income) by $832.49. This is an improvement over previous years' expense/income deficits of $1,583 (2002) and $1,801 (2001).

Our membership count at year end 2003 was 430. The membership count remained relatively stable as I believe the website has helped to attract new members to replace retiring members; additionally, we had the insertion of our society name in the newsletter sent out by the USPS subscription service, and in the USPS *USA Philatelic* catalog. Membership dues received increased during the year as more members renewed for multiple years.

We were able to aggressively manage our expenses which have decreased year to year. While the 4 *Journals* contained 128 pages as compared to 132 pages published in 2002, a decrease of 3%, our printing expense decreased 11% year to year, reversing the trend of higher costs in previous years.

Included in expenses is one subscription for Commemorative Panels that is used to provide information and scans for the ASPPP website, and the purchases of the Purple Heart Cancellation Pages and silk cachet Year of the Rabbit commemorative panels with a unique First Day Cancel. These items are intended for resale; however, the income from sales to date is less than our expense.

Included in income are multi-year renewals received in 2003; the estimated value of multiyear renewals beyond one year included in 2003 is $1,918, whereas the prior year was $1,526. The estimated value of all multi-year renewals beyond one year at year end 2003 was $1,736.

For 2003, the increase in income was the result of the promotion for life memberships with which we attracted sixteen additional members, and an increase in multi-year renewals during the year. Auction proceeds, (the commission received by the society on auction sales) dropped to $470, from the $770.55 received in 2002. The sale of donated items from which all proceeds aggregate to the society was $657; this compares to $833.25 in year 2002.

As I look into 2004, there is a continuing need to improve our cash position to ensure that we remain a viable and healthy society so that we can continue to produce a hard copy *Journal* that is first-class-mailed to all members. We cannot expect the additional income from lifetime memberships to continue in the new year. I also expect membership dues from renewals to decline in 2004 as those members who renewed for multiple years in 2003 will have several years before their renewals are sent out; additionally, the lifetime members have already paid in advance.

We expect to aggressively sell the remaining items from the generous donation of Souvenir Pages and Stamp Posters by Charles Simmons. Thanks also to the other members who have donated items to the society last year and in prior years. I encourage our membership to participate in these sales and in our auction; the sale of any items donated to the society by the membership helps our cash position, and your participation in the annual auction helps to keep the annual dues at the current level.

Respectfully submitted to the board on January 13, 2004. (signed) John Ngai, ASPPP Treasurer.

SIGNERS OF PORTER PHILATELIC PAGES

By Robert F. Porter

A number of my Porter Philatelic Pages (PPPs) were autographed by individuals with a connection to the stamp being issued. Bud Scrantom, founder and first President of the ASPPP, was my first "signer." It involved PPP 7, featuring Ameripex ‘86, issued May 25, 1985 to publicize the show, and illustrated on the next page (an additional cancellation from the show was added to the remaining copies of this PPP on the anniversary of the first day.) To clarify, the word "signer" means all PPPs produced for the featured stamp were signed. I have obtained autographs on certain PPPs but these individuals were not "signers." Bud graciously consented to sign all of my Ameripex ‘86 PPPs.

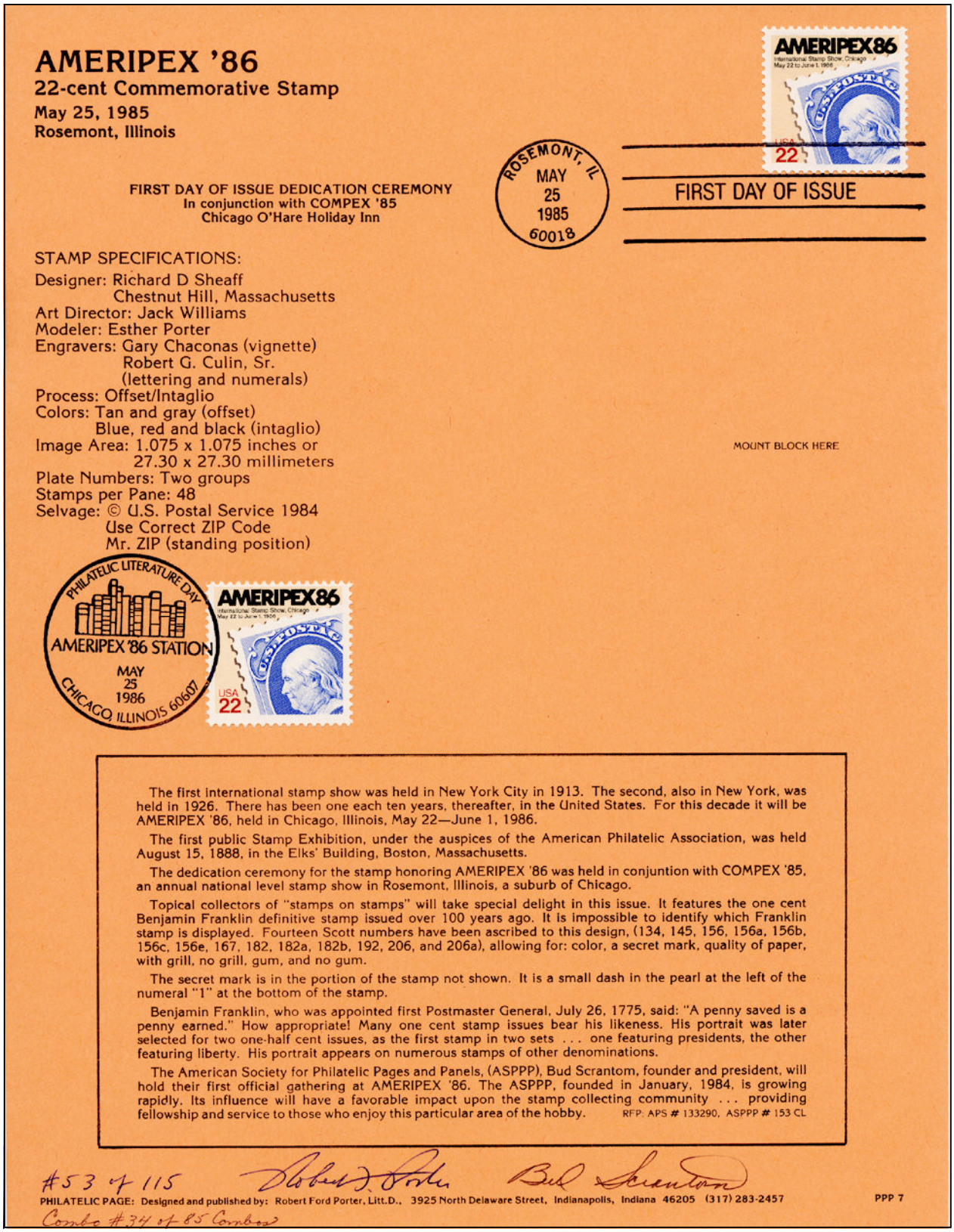
I was able to go to Ameripex and attend the first official meeting of the members of the ASPPP. Bud and I had phone conversations and correspondence from the early days of the ASPPP, which was founded in January 1984, but we met for the first time at Ameripex. I was a charter life member (#153 CL) having joined close to the end of the charter-time limit. I purchased a life membership when it was only $40.00.

Among the ASPPP members attending Ameripex were several subscribers to our PPP program. It was exciting to make the personal acquaintance of Charles Cunningham, Gordon Davidson, and Bill Serocky. These men had reserved numbers for their PPP subscriptions. In fact, Bill had two subscriptions and is one of only three people who now have two each of our PPPs.

When I discovered that Bud was traveling back to Richardson, Texas and would pass through Indianapolis, I invited him to stay overnight at our house. As soon as he accepted the invitation, I called Dennis Kovener to drive up from Spencer, Indiana to meet the founder of our society. At one time, Dennis was the ASPPP Historian (and later Dennis signed the Pan Am Games PPP, but that’s another story.) We had a very pleasant evening, June 2, 1986, talking stamps and Souvenir Pages (see below).

[Editor’s note: For more information on PPPs, see the Member Ads in this Journal.]

(Bud Scrantom, Robert Porter and Dennis Kovener, June 1986)



AMERIPEX '86

22-cent Commemorative Stamp

May 25, 1985
Rosemont, Illinois

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Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts
Art Director: Jack Williams
Modeler: Esther Porter
Engravers: Gary Chaconas (vignette)
Robert G. Culin, Sr.
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Process: Offset/Intaglio
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AMERIPEX '86 STATION
MAY
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1986
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60607

The first international stamp show was held in New York City in 1913. The second, also in New York, was held in 1926. There has been one each ten years, thereafter, in the United States. For this decade it will be AMERIPEX '86, held in Chicago, Illinois, May 22—June 1, 1986.

The first public Stamp Exhibition, under the auspices of the American Philatelic Association, was held August 15, 1888, in the Elks' Building, Boston, Massachusetts.

The dedication ceremony for the stamp honoring AMERIPEX '86 was held in conjuntion with COMPEX '85, an annual national level stamp show in Rosemont, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago.

Topical collectors of "stamps on stamps" will take special delight in this issue. It features the one cent Benjamin Franklin definitive stamp issued over 100 years ago. It is impossible to identify which Franklin stamp is displayed. Fourteen Scott numbers have been ascribed to this design, (134, 145, 156, 156a, 156b, 156c, 156e, 167, 182, 182a, 182b, 192, 206, and 206a), allowing for: color, a secret mark, quality of paper, with grill, no grill, gum, and no gum.

The secret mark is in the portion of the stamp not shown. It is a small dash in the pearl at the left of the numeral "1" at the bottom of the stamp.

Benjamin Franklin, who was appointed first Postmaster General, July 26, 1775, said: "A penny saved is a penny earned." How appropriate! Many one cent stamp issues bear his likeness. His portrait was later selected for two one-half cent issues, as the first stamp in two sets . . . one featuring presidents, the other featuring liberty. His portrait appears on numerous stamps of other denominations.

The American Society for Philatelic Pages and Panels, (ASPPP), Bud Scrantom, founder and president, will hold their first official gathering at AMERIPEX '86. The ASPPP, founded in January, 1984, is growing rapidly. Its influence will have a favorable impact upon the stamp collecting community . . . providing fellowship and service to those who enjoy this particular area of the hobby. RFP. APS # 133290, ASPPP # 153 CL

#53 of 115 Robert D. Porter Bud Scrantom

PHILATELIC PAGE: Designed and published by: Robert Ford Porter, Litt.D., 3925 North Delaware Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46205 (317) 283-2457 PPP 7

Combo #34 of 85 Combos

(Porter Philatelic Page PPP7 - Ameripex, with anniversary show cancel)

MEDAL OF HONOR - CLARENCE SASSER

By Gerald Blankenship

I met Clarence E. Sasser on a boiling hot Memorial Day in May and was immediately struck by his quiet, humble manner - so characteristic of great war heroes. Shaking my hand, his soft and deep mellow voice told me that he was glad to meet me. I was honored to meet this Medal of Honor recipient because I already knew of his heroism in the Vietnam War.

Born in Cherango, Texas on September 12, 1947, Sasser was among the throngs of young men drafted into the Army after high school throughout the sixties. An Army medic, he went to Vietnam in the Fall of 1967 to serve with the Army's 9th Infantry Division.

Private Sasser did not really see any action until January 10,1968, when his company was flown out toward the Mekong Delta on a reconnaissance mission to check reports of enemy forces in the area. Sighting the Vietcong, the dozen helicopters carrying a little over 100 soldiers were landing on a large rice paddy, when the landing zone exploded with small arms, rifle, machine-gun and rocket fire. The mission might have been aborted, but the lead helicopter was hit and crashed, so the others immediately followed to protect it.

Bailing out of the helicopters, the Americans tried to head for the cover of the mounded levees. However, the men were so besieged by the incoming fire that within a few minutes more than thirty were down. When Sasser jumped out of the helicopter, he could hear the cries for "Medic!" He ran across the rice paddies following the sounds of the injured men. Because enemy fire was all around him, he quickly dropped to his belly and slithered from soldier to soldier, dragging them to cover against the embankment of a dike.

In the process, he was hit by shrapnel from an exploding rocket, which seared into his shoulder. Pulling the shrapnel out with his hands, he proceeded to move from soldier to soldier to aid the wounded. A little later, he was hit in both legs by machine-gun fire and knocked down while rushing back to the rice paddy to help more of the men to safety.

Undeterred, he dragged himself through the mud to a group of huddled men, under heavy fire, to encourage them to crawl toward the dike: "I felt that if I could get the guys up and fighting, we might all get out of there somehow."

While the fighting continued through the afternoon, the enemy began to retreat enough so that early the following morning, U.S. helicopters were able to land and evacuate the thirty-four dead and fifty-nine wounded. Having suffered a loss of blood and enduring agonizing pain, Sasser had continued to treat his comrades throughout the night.

Sasser spent several months of rehabilitation in Japan learning to use his legs again. While recovering, he was told that he was to receive the Medal of Honor. President Richard Nixon presented the medal to him at the White House on March 7, 1969.

Today Clarence Sasser lives in Rosharn, Texas. He is proud to say that each of his sons has a college degree. Sadly, his wife was killed by a drunken driver several years ago. Sasser is retired from the V.A. hospital in Houston, Texas, and each Memorial Day he can be found participating in the services that honor his fallen comrades. I pause to remember them, too, and thank God for heroes such as Sasser.

[see Clarence Sasser's citation on page 10 –Ed.]

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U. S. Postal Service
Modeler: V. Jack Ruther
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Medal of Honor Commemorative Stamp

A 20-cent commemorative stamp honoring the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest military award for valor, and all who have received it was issued June 7 in Washington, D. C. The first day of issue ceremony was held at The Pentagon.

The Medal of Honor, which is often referred to as the Congressional Medal of Honor, was instituted in 1861 for the U. S. Navy and in 1862 for the U. S. Army. U. S. Air Force personnel were awarded the Army Medal of Honor until 1965, when an Air Force Medal was created.

The first Medals of Honor were awarded March 25, 1863, to six members of Andrews' Raiders, who participated in what has come to be known as "The Great Locomotive Chase." Since that time, the Medal of Honor has been awarded to more than 3,400 individuals for "courage above and beyond the call of duty."

The design of the stamp features from left to right, the Army, Navy and Air Force Medals of Honor. All three are suspended from the blue neck ribbon with white stars common to each of the three decorations. The design was developed by Dennis J. Holm, a Postal Service employee, in coordination with The Institute of Heraldry of the U. S. Army and the Department of Defense.

Clarence E. Sasser
VN ARMY 1968

WASHINGTON, DC
JUN
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1983
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FIRST DAY OF ISSUE

(Medal of Honor Souvenir Page autographed by Clarence E. Sasser)

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

The President of the United States of America takes pleasure in presenting the MEDAL OF HONOR to

SPECIALIST FIVE CLARENCE E. SASSER
UNITED STATES ARMY

for service as set forth in the following

Citation:

Specialist Five Clarence E. Sasser (then Private First Class) distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity on 10 January 1968 while assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 60th Infantry, 9th Infantry Division in the Republic of Vietnam. On this date he was serving as a medical aidman with Company A, 3d Battalion, on a reconnaissance in force operation in Ding Tuong Province. His company was making an air assault when suddenly it was taken under heavy small arms, recoilless rifle, machine gun and rocket fire from well fortified enemy positions on three sides of the landing zone. During the first few minutes, over thirty casualties were sustained. Without hesitation, Specialist Sasser ran across an open rice paddy through a hail of fire to assist the wounded. After helping one man to safety, he was painfully wounded in the left shoulder by fragments of an exploding rocket. Refusing medical attention, he ran through a barrage of rocket and automatic weapons fire to aid casualties of the initial attack and, after giving them urgently needed treatment, continued to search for other wounded. Despite two additional wounds immobilizing his legs, he dragged himself through the mud toward another soldier one hundred meters away. Although in agonizing pain and faint from loss of blood, Specialist Sasser reached the man, treated him, and proceeded on to encourage another group of soldiers to crawl two hundred meters to relative safety. There he attended their wounds for five hours until they were evacuated. Specialist Sasser's conspicuous gallantry, extraordinary heroism and intrepidity at the risk of his own life above and beyond the call of duty, are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit and the United States Army.

Clarence E. Sasser

(signed) *Richard M. Nixon*

March 7, 1969

(Clarence E. Sasser's Medal of Honor Citation)

2004 ANNUAL ASPPP AUCTION REPORT

By ASPPP Auction Chairman Gerald Blankenship

The 2004 ASPPP auction is fast approaching. Several members have already sent in their lots for the 2004 May auction. This is the **LAST** notice before the auction will be mailed to the printer. I need your lots no later than April 20, 2004. You can ship the lots to our P.O. Box 475, Crosby TX or ship them to my home address at 539 North Gum Gully, Crosby, TX 77532.

We have had several very successful auctions over the past few years, so it pays to use our auction. For sellers, not only will you be selling your duplicates pages, but your society will benefit by the commission that is collected. I want to thank each of those who have sent in auction lots and especially those of you that have bid in the past.

ATTENTION ASPPP MEMBERS

We need donations of Cancellation Pages, Souvenir Pages, Stamp Posters and Commemorative Panels. At each annual meeting, or other stamp shows that we attend, we give away hundreds of Pages to prospective members and to raise awareness of Pages and Panels. We have been giving new members a set of North American Wildlife Pages with each paid membership. A member donated 15 sets for that purpose and we are running low.

Also, we are accepting items as donations to the ASPPP to help raise funds for special projects. In the near future, we hope to have available on our ASPPP web site several inventory lists of Souvenir Pages, Commemorative Panels, PNC Pages, Pages with lines, and booklet varieties. If you would like to contribute to one of these projects, we could use your help. These are just some of the projects your Board is working on. Send any donations to P.O. Box 475, Crosby, TX 77532.

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3. Lots will be sold to the highest bidder at one advance over the second highest bid.
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10. There is a 10% commission collected by the ASPPP from the seller's proceeds on all lots sold.
11. Lots must be received by April 20, 2004. ASPPP, P.O. Box 475, Crosby TX 77532 or 539 North Gum Gully, Crosby, TX 77532.

ASPPP WEB SITE UPDATE - WWW.ASPPP.ORG

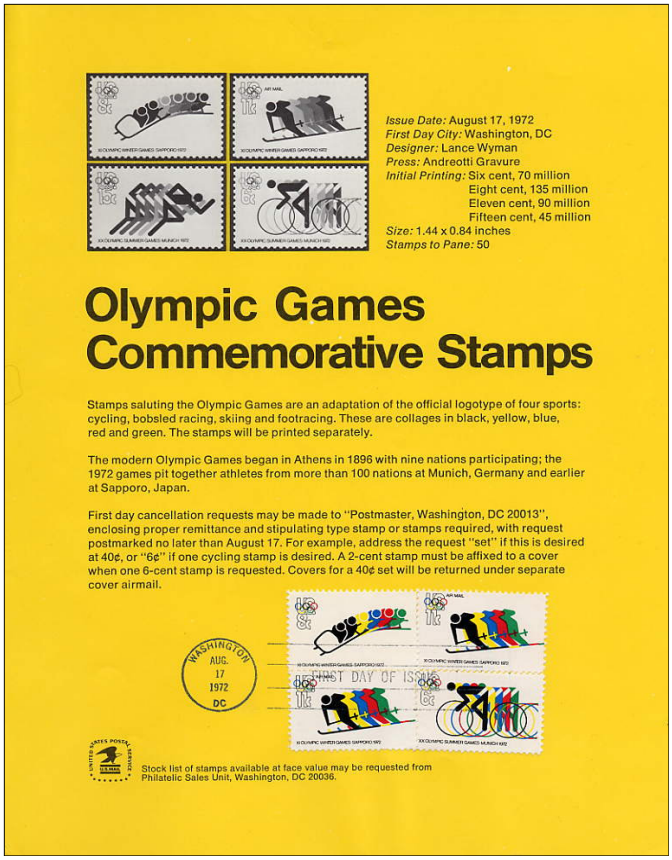
By ASPPP Webmaster Ron Walenciak

The International Philatelic Pages webpage is up on our site. The following text is on that page, which is an invitation to participate in the study of worldwide pages, panels and announcements:

"Collectors of philatelic pages should be interested to know that many countries other than the United States have either philatelic products (pages or panels with stamps affixed and possibly first day canceled) or stamp announcements (pages or leaflets showing an image of a new stamp, usually with technical data and ordering instructions). The ASPPP is just beginning to document the existence of these collectibles, and we look forward to having more-detailed web pages for each country in the near future, along with subscription information for current items. We welcome collector assistance for additional information on pages of the countries listed, and for new countries as well. Please email our webmaster or write to ASPPP, PO Box 1042, Washington Township, NJ 07676 USA. We expect to make frequent changes to these International web pages, so visit us often and consider joining us in the pursuit of page and panel collecting!"

I hope that if you have any knowledge of these worldwide items, you will contact us and share that information with us. To begin with, we would be happy to know of countries to investigate, and happier to receive scanned images of their products. At the start, we're showing some Palau first day panels, and one El Salvador first day leaflet. I have German ETB's, Marshall Islands and Micronesia Panels, and Canadian and Italian new issue announcements (see the ads in our Member Ads in this issue) that will be added shortly. However, little information is known about these items (except for Canada, since we have David Jones' research and knowledge in that area), so even if we show something from a country, we still need information.

The Page/Panel of the Month for January was a "production error" where there was an error in the stamps affixed to the 72-08 Olympic Games Souvenir Page. As shown below, two 11-cent stamps were affixed instead of an 11-cent and a 15-cent. If you can't get to the website, you're really missing something.



Issue Date: August 17, 1972
First Day City: Washington, DC
Designer: Lance Wyman
Press: Andreotti Gravure
Initial Printing: Six cent, 70 million
Eight cent, 135 million
Eleven cent, 90 million
Fifteen cent, 45 million
Size: 1.44 x 0.84 inches
Stamps to Pane: 50

Olympic Games Commemorative Stamps

Stamps saluting the Olympic Games are an adaptation of the official logotype of four sports: cycling, bobsled racing, skiing and footracing. These are collages in black, yellow, blue, red and green. The stamps will be printed separately.

The modern Olympic Games began in Athens in 1896 with nine nations participating; the 1972 games pit together athletes from more than 100 nations at Munich, Germany and earlier at Sapporo, Japan.

First day cancellation requests may be made to "Postmaster, Washington, DC 20013", enclosing proper remittance and stipulating type stamp or stamps required, with request postmarked no later than August 17. For example, address the request "set" if this is desired at 40¢, or "6¢" if one cycling stamp is desired. A 2-cent stamp must be affixed to a cover when one 6-cent stamp is requested. Covers for a 40¢ set will be returned under separate cover airmail.

Stock list of stamps available at face value may be requested from Philatelic Sales Unit, Washington, DC 20036.

In February it was another request for information and an interesting 81-3 Stamp Poster for the 10-cent Battle of Cowpens postal card, but with a "Benjamin Franklin Stamp Club" logo printed on the bottom of the poster. These were known to exist for only 3 or 4 Posters, and since the image was posted on the web we now have identified about 20. March was a Palau panel.

ASPPP 20TH ANNIVERSARY

By Ron Walenciak

Bud Scrantom founded the American Society for Philatelic Pages and Panels as the "US Souvenir Page Society" in January 1984. I'm honored to be the President of our society in this, our 20th anniversary year!

The *Page and Panel* Journal was simply called a bulletin back then. I thought it would be interesting for many of you to see what it was like in early 1984 as Bud was forming the society. I've scanned his original information letter on the following page, and then I've recreated and reprinted *Bulletins #1* and *#2* (scanned and converted to text via OCR, or Optical Character Recognition, but formatted true to the original look and feel.)

I'm find something interesting every time I reread one of our old publications. For example, in *Bulletin #2* Bud mentions that "The last mailing of Souvenir Pages went to 42,306 collectors." That's quite a difference from the 15,000 or so subscribers the USPS has today (and, if there is a resurgence in Souvenir Page collecting, imagine what your 2004 Pages will be worth as all those new collectors try to buy these low-print-quantity years.)

In the same *Bulletin* there is a paragraph on the "1a" Family Planning Souvenir Page (and why it wasn't included as part of the subscription), perforation varieties on the Bird and Flowers stamps, information on the Zip Code error page and a Babe Ruth Stamp Poster variety, and a request to look for coil line pairs on Pages. The expansion of the society to include Commemorative Panel collectors was just around the corner, as was the name change to American Society for Philatelic Pages and Panels (it would be interesting to know which collector suggested the name.)

I also found it interesting to look at the member ads. About a third of the members wanted that Family Planning Page, while almost half wanted the 1972 Pages, or at least the first four. In 1984, names and addresses were not printed in the *Bulletin*; in order to buy, sell or trade, you had to be a member and have a copy of the roster; you could then look up the Membership Number and find the address of the member you wanted to trade with.

From the start, Bud's vision was that the society would be an "informational exchange" and a "clearing house". For twenty years we've kept that vision intact. We continue to educate the philatelic community on the subject of Pages and Panels. From bulletins on what varieties have been found, we have progressed to having our own web site where we can show full color images of Page and Panel varieties as they are discovered. While continuing to offer free member ads (in print and on the web as of 2004), we have progressed to having the largest annual auction of page and panel material anywhere in the world. I'll take a bow for the website, and without Gerald Blankenship's determination and dedication, the auction wouldn't be anything like it is today. Many others have also volunteered their time over the years, but we owe Bud our thanks for starting everything.

I hope you enjoy this trip back to twenty years ago. If there is any interest, I might consider making other early back issues available again (although it would be a lot of work for the *Bulletins* that had photos of Pages and Panels; into the 90's, much of that was done as a true cut and paste on the master, just before photocopying or printing.) Let me know what you think.

U. S. SOUVENIR PAGE SOCIETY
(USSPS)
1138 PRINCETON DRIVE
RICHARDSON, TX 75081-3615

April 2, 1984

Mr. Rom Walenciak
417 Lanza Ave.
Garfield, NJ 07026

Dear Ron,

In response to the article in Linn's Stamp News put together by Joe Brockert and myself entitled "Souvenir pages,panels get attention", I wish to express my appreciation for your inquiry. The page and panel collectors have been left out in the cold for twelve years with their only available contact coming from two or three people in business for the almighty dollar. I have nothing against free enterprise, but there is plenty of excess material among the collector community to supply much of the need from within the group at reasonable prices. There is also the median of trade within us that is not available through merchants. The prices listed in "The Postal Service Guide to U.S. Stamps" are, in my estimation, artificially high as they were set by a seller rather than by a noted Catalog publisher or the collector community.

In addition, there has been little information available on the subject, until recently, and other than that put out by the U.S. Souvenir Page Society, has come from the same dealer source and , of course, leans towards sale of their products. There is a wealth of information among the collector community if we will get together and share.

For the two reason stated above, I started the U. S. Souvenir Page Society in January of this year. Our charter is informational exchange and a clearing house for excesses available and needs. As President, I will not act as a Broker, but will publish data on where the excesses lie and the wants or needs of the membership. From this information, the two members will get together and make thier own deal. From a poll I took in January the consensus was that 50% of the prices listed in the Postal Guide were reasonable.

I am enclosing Bulletin #1 which describes how we are operating from the outset and an application for your consideration. I sincerely hope you will join us and reap the many benefits.

Very truly yours,

Bud Scrantom, President, USSPS
1138 Princeton Drive
Richardson, Tx 75081
APS 130451 ATA 41350
USSPS 101 SCCS 1043

PS: Had articles in several philatelic Publications. The one in Linn's was the most lengthy, so I refer to that.

U. S. SOUVENIR SOCIETY BULLETIN #1
January '84 Edition

THE TIME HAS ARRIVED. I have received enough interest to start forming a Society. There will also be an article in Linn's Stamp News,l/30/84 issue, in The Collectors' Forum section (page 67). I have also requested articles in other Philatelic Publications.

At the outset, I will serve as President, Treasurer, Membership Chairman, Publisher and Editor. John O. Ochsner of New Jersey, will serve as Vice President, Secretary and Advisor. After a minimum of six months or a maximum of one year, we will break up the responsibilities, if you wish, by Ballot. I need a volunteer to be an Organizational Chairman for that purpose.

I will issue a financial statement quarterly for the first year. Also the roster additions will be listed in the U.S. Souvenir Page Society , here in after referred to as the USSPS, Bulletin each month. Anyone requesting detailed backup to the financial statement may have it by submitting three dollars ($3.00) with their request. (Cost of printing and mailing)

I do not plan to have any "Frills" at the outset nor to spend any unnecessary monies. The typing will be done by me and will be legible and readable, but beyond that I promise nothing. I have arranged for the least expensive copy facility in the Dallas area to do our printing. Bulletins, etc, will be inexpensive and stapled by me. I will also, of course, do the mailing.

I will look into various Philatelic Society By-Laws and abstract what I believe to be the most pertinent section to be incorporated in our first pass. They may be changed by a three quarters (3/4ths) vote of the members of record.

The USPS publication, until we write and agree on our own, "The Postal Guide to U.S. Stamps", 10th edition, will be our "Bible". I will request that we, as a Society, be listed under the "Philatelic Societies & Publications" section of the Guide the next time it is printed, probably not until the end of '84.

The dues structure I have established will remain in effect for the first year. LIFE MEMBERSHIPS will cost more after the first twenty five (25). The cost will be computed based on anticipated revenues and expenses. The dues structure will be reviewed prior to 1985 based on the Third (3rd) Quarter Financial Report, and year to year thereafter.

I will include news items in the February Bulletin which will be sent to all members of record. The Bulletin will be issued at the end of each month rather than the beginning. Non Members or new members may receive back copies for three dollars ($3.00) plus a SASE.

This is just a start, thus any constructive criticism, advice or ideas will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

(signed) Bud Scrantom

U. S. SOUVENIR PAGE SOCIETY
(USSPS)

U. S. SOUVENIR PAGE SOCIETY BULLETIN #2
February '84 Edition

A great deal has transpired since the first Bulletin was written, in January, 1984. In an attempt to keep as much confusion out of it as possible I have decided to organize the contents of this Bulletin by subject matter.

ORGANIZATION:

1. **From a list of people who inquired about my ads in Linn's to both purchase and sell, I sent out a post card bearing questions in an attempt to see how much interest there was in Souvenir Pages and what pricing structure would be acceptable. Most of you received this card, thus I will go into the interest obtained here and the pricing in another section. One, there was about a 50% return. This may seen low, but I really do not think it was bad because many people who answered did not have the foggiest idea what a Souvenir Page was, and answered it as a fishing expedition. This too, did not surprise me in that I have found that many dealers throughout the country respond with a blank stare when you mention Souvenir Pages. The Result: 56 YES, 33 MAYBE, 9 NO in answer to the question: "Would you be interested in a Souvenir Page "Club"?" Most of the present members are among the yes group.**
2. **An article appeared in Linn's, 1/30 issue and Stamp Collector, 2/13 issue announcing my willingness to start a club. The response was good, not great, and Bulletin #1 along with Membership Applications were sent to those who responded. Not much time has elapsed since then, thus the results are still unknown.**
3. **A letter was sent to approximately three hundred Stamp Clubs or Societies from the list contained in the APS Membership Directory. In as much as these organizations only meet once or twice per month, this again has not had time, although I have had some response.**
4. **Letters were written to the APS, ASDA and SCCS informing them of the intention to organize a Souvenir Page Society. I have been informed that an article will appear in the American Philatelist and Ed Beers, V.P. of the SCCS and one of our Members, will have it printed in The Souvenir Card Journal.**
5. **Ongoing with the above, I have tried to strike at the heart of the interest by approaching the Philatelic Sales Division of the USPS to obtain a list of their subscribers. Needless to say, to break through that mountain of Red Tape and move our highly inefficient, ineffective and uncooperative Washington Bureaucracy (a personal opinion) off top dead center was, at the outset, frustrating. With the aid of Senator John Tower, Representative Steve Bartlett, a sympathetic ear from a supervisor of Customer Relations in the Philatelic Sales Division of the USPS (gained only through an attempt to make amends for a circus of blundering errors), and two articles in Linn's which I wasted no tine in answering, we may I repeat, MAY have broken the log jam. Rather than paraphrasing, I will enclose the pertinent documents. One additional piece of data. The last mailing of Souvenir Pages went to 42,306 collectors, thus the importance of striking here is paramount.**

PRICING:

1. As you undoubtedly know, the only pseudo official source of a "Catalog Price" is on pages 264 - 266 of "The Postal Service Guide to U.S. Stamps" published by the USPS and available at the Post Office for $3.50. Whether you know the source of this data, reason I feel makes it highly suspect, is another question. Through direct contact with Mr. Charles Simmons, I learned that he was the source for the pricing used in the Postal Guide, and later through further review of the Guide, I found that he is listed on page 277 under "Catalogs" as the source for Souvenir Page Price List along with his "peers" such as Scott, Harris, Minkus and Brookman. The reason I referred to the source as "suspect" is the motive Simmons has, being engaged in the sale and purchase of Souvenir Pages as an avocation, if not a vocation. He will purchase for 20% of his selling price, with the exception of a rare few for which he will offer a generous 30% and, to my knowledge, has never sold for one cent less than the listed price In the Guide. As a matter of fact, he has revised his prices on some (up 30%) since the printing of the 10th Edition of the Guide.

2. Due to another reason, which I will take up later, I have asked Scott to consider cataloging Souvenir Pages as they do Commemorative Panels and Souvenir Cards. Although Scott, as well as most of the other sources, also buys and sells, I do not feel they would be as much concerned in holding an artificially high price, as Simmons, in their value setting.

3. The poll I conducted as described in the ORGANIZATION section 1 above, I asked the question, WAS THE PRICE REASONABLE? The price being the price I was charging for my extras which was 60% for Year Sets and 50% for singles (of Guide or Simmons). The answer was 100% YES.

4. FOR THE RECORD; I am in no way trying to set a precedent on price. I would, however, like to see it being set by us, as a Society, or at least by a somewhat less partial source such as Scott. I have made the statement to some of you, but for those who have not heard it, I refuse to act as a Broker. I will purchase no additional duplicates, but will purchase to upgrade my collection. The duplicates I have as a result of buying partial collections are for sale, but when gone that is it.

5. A thought just came to mind that I had not considered at the tine I took action. I hope you will forgive me as my motives were well intended although the result may look suspect. In that there is so little written about Souvenir Pages, I felt most people would go to the classified section for news. I placed an ad about a week ago, which will cone out in the first March issue of Linn's combining my duplicates with the Society name. My objective was not only to sell my duplicates but also, and more importantly, to get the name of the Society in front of the collector public. I felt that any inquiries I obtained could be answered with a pitch to join, and more importantly, a further incentive if I could not fill the requests and suggested that in joining the Society a far more extensive list might be obtained. I did not think, until just now, that the Society members might view it from a different context. For those that I may have offended, I apologize. I lept before I thought. The Ad was paid out of my own funds.

OTHER ACTION ITEMS:

1. John Enghofer and John Ochsner have put a great deal of work into a listing of Souvenir Pages cross referenced with Commemorative Panels and Scott Numbers. I have contacted Scott to obtain a release on their copywrite along with a request that they consider publishing Souvenir Pages in their U.S. Specialized Catalog. I just yesterday received the release on the copywrite but no word yet on cataloging. As soon as the work on the list is complete, I will cost it out and then contact the membership for a decision on whether to fund it out of Society funds or to sell it to those interested for cost,

2. I will continued to hammer away at obtaining names and addresses of interested collectors. I will keep you advised on the progress of all irons presently in the fire. I would also welcome any suggestions.

3. A bank account has been established under the name of U.S. Souvenir Page Society (USSPS) at the Richardson National Bank, Richardson, TX 7$08l. In order to open such an account, the name had to be registered in the State of Texas which has been done.

4. I received word from John Ochsner yesterday that he did not feel up to serving as an officer of the Society. His health is not good. At the present time, I do not really need any help but I do not feel it is good business practice to have only one officer or to have only one person who can sign on the account. The most prudent thing to do would be to require two signatures, but as spread out as we are I feel it would be a bit cumbersome. Several of you have offered to help. How about a volunteer to act as Vice President, Secretary and General Advisor. Randy, as an attorney, you would make an excellent choice. How about it?

NEWS ITEMS:

In as much as I do not know how much any of the members know, many probably a great deal more than I, I will include informational items which you nay feel are far too elementary, but to some, they may be of interest.

1. la Family Planning, Scott 1455, was issued only at the ASDA Show in New York City in 1972. It was never part of the USPS Subscription and was not even offered to the subscribers as an option, as the Express Mail $9.35 stamp was. The reason, according to a member of The Philatelic Sales Division, for handling the distribution of this Page in this manner was “due to the controversial nature of the topic”. I have asked Joe Savarese, Executive Director of the ASDA for a copy of the registration records from this show. If one exists, it would give us a chance to contact those who attended and determine whether anyone had a copy, and if so, if it was available for sale. As the tale unfolds, I will keep you advised. In the mean time, if anyone has any further information or suggestion, please advise.

2. The #250, Birds and Flowers, (five pages) was issued in two perf. sizes; 10-1/2 x 11 and 11 x 11. Most of the pages issued contain a mixture of strips. For those that are interested we could exchange information of what we have, and through trading, possibly cone up with one or two pure perf. sets of each size.

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NEWS ITEMS CONT:

3. I understand, but have not seen, that the #42, 10c Zip Code Page, exists with two cancellation dates. The Correct date is January 4, 1974 but supposedly they do exist with an April 4, 1974 date. Check your collection and duplicates to see if you have an April 4, 1974 and advise.

4. I have recently obtained a #293, Babe Ruth Page issued on a Postal Bulletin bearing two stamps. One is cancelled FDOI, July 6, 1983 in Chicago and the other has a normal cancellation from St Vincent's Hospital Station, same date, in New York City. I have written to the Postmaster at St Vincent's and the Philatelic Sales Division to determine if any more exist. If I come up with any information I will pass it on in the next Bulletin.

5. Many Postal Bulletins were issued prior to the '72 USPS subscription. I have one of these which is the Ernst Reuter 4 & 8c stamps (Scott 1136 & 1137) cancelled September 29, 1959. I have heard that the Postal Bulletins were issued from some time in 1959 through 1963. I have written the Philatelic Sales Division for confirmation of these dates. The stamps and cancellations may either exist through the efforts of private citizens, Societies or Postmasters in Cities of issue. There are some collectors that collect just Postal Bulletins. I asked the question on the membership application, "Do you have any Pre '72 pages?" I may have incorrectly assumed that those that answered in the affirmative realized that I was interested only in those with stamps affixed and FDOI cancelled as the Reuter stamp mentioned above. If my assumption was correct the following pages exist: Scott Numbers 1136,37,49,51,52,58,59,60,65,68,69,72-75,80-82,84,87,88,90,94,95, 1203, 06,08,31-44,46-76,78-91,93,97-99,1303-05, 05C,05E,06-37,38A,38D, 38F,38G,39,4O,84-94,97-99,l4OO,02,06,08-l4,19,20,24,25,36,39,44,45,47, UX49-55,UC37,38,39,43,UXC5-9,U546-551,556,557. Those after 1972 that were not offered with the subscription are:C-79a,l510b,c,d,l5l9,l520,l896. For those who submitted this information, if you answered the question referring to blank Bulletins, please advise and I will make a correction in the next Bulletin.

6. For those pages bearing coil pairs, a line pair is desirable to some of us. Please advise if you have any of these for sale or trade. You will see, in the attached letter to Mr. Hiteffer, that I have suggested a way for the USPS to make these available to anyone who wanted it in the future. I will advise when I get an answer.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE MEMBERSHIP:

1. I have noted that many members are also collectors of Commemorative Panels. The research I have done has not brought a Commemorative Panel Group to the surface. QUESTION: In order to build our membership and expand our horizons, should we make the USSPS to include Commemorative Panel collectors? The re-registration of the name and change in the bank account will not be a problem nor expensive. Before we get into things such as membership cards, stationary, professionally printed Bulletins, etc we need to make a decision. A suggestion from a collector - "American Society of Philatelic Pages and Panels". Please drop me a postcard stating your wishes. No vote is a YES vote.

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ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE MEMBERSHIP CONT:

2. In consideration for the monies I have spent thus far ($200+, namely for postage and printing) I plan to award myself a Life Membership. I will continue to spend my funds for the first quarter. Your response please!

3. I would like to take this opportunity to ask all members for articles, news items and suggestions. Your help please.

FOR PURCHASE OR SALE:

USSPS MEMBERSHIP NO.	WANTS	FOR SALE OR TRADE
101	1a Coil line prs Any pre ‘72 except Scott 1136,37	Yr sets 1974-1979 except Flags Many singles - write for list
102	la	
103	la, 90	
105	la,2,57,239,256,263 247,249,238,253,17, 207,152	9,11,12,18,19,20,22-24,37-40, 59,61,62,69-72,77,98-101,107, 121,125,129,139,l41,143,145, l48,l49,l58-l60,178-l82,l85, 230-233,235,280,291
107	l-4	
108	1-74	
109	1-91	117-139,146-l49,166,250
110	1-4	38,39,45-97,139
112	1-4,90,112-16,136, 138-40,160-64,178, 264,266	
l14	Many over later years	1-84
115	1-126	

FLASH FLASH FLASH FLASH FLASH

JUST RECEIVED A CALL FROM ED BEERS TO TELL ME HE HAD BEEN ABLE TO PICK UP ABOUT 150 PRE '72 PAGES COMPLETE WITH STAMPS AND CANCELLED FDOI. ED WILL MAKE A LIST OF WHAT HE WAS ABLE TO GET, HIS EXTRAS AND SEND IT TO ME IN TIME FOR NEXT MONTHS BULLETIN. SAVE YOUR MONEY - WE MAY HAVE COME UP WITH A BONANZA

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POSTERS, PANELS AND POLITICS

By David Jones

Stamps are messages. And the pages, posters and panels that come with stamps are messages about the messages on the stamps. These items tell us a lot about their issuing agencies, their countries, their collectors and their citizens. They also tell us a lot about the country's politics, and political processes.

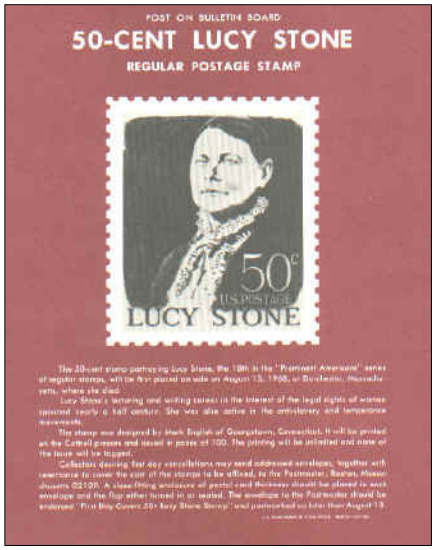
I started thinking about the subtleties of this question, when I noted on Delphi Forum's Virtual Stamp Club (http://www.virtualstampclub.com/) a strongly worded response to someone's complaint about Christmas stamps. The complaint was that issuing stamps for one religion was inappropriate in a pluralistic world. The response argued that the discussion was, "getting too far into politics – and also too far away from philately."

That set me to thinking. Are politics actually removed from stamps, and are political discussions really something apart from philately? I decided to do a small tour. I looked at my own collections, pondering on the themes, issues and events that were determined (by someone) to be worthy of perpetual note.

Now I use the word "perpetual" with care. If you think about it, stamp issues are way beyond buildings, bridges, monuments and headstones that sooner or later must fall into ruin. Stamps are more like music. Or flags. Or ideas. They are intellectual things. And they are part of what we are, where we have been, and I assume where we are going. So I believe a decision around what ought to be on a stamp is a mighty important decision.

After wandering and wondering around my own scattered collections, I took a tour of the USPS and the Internet to see what issues were appearing on US stamps, and what people were saying about them. I should mention this was not an exhaustive tour – but really one to scan a few illustrative examples.

I thought a good place to start was the Inauguration and Political Memorabilia site of Lori and Steve Ferber out of Scottsdale at: http://www.loriferber.com/lucy.htm. Their site notes that they "have been specializing in such memorabilia for over 30 years." On that site, you'll see a representation of the following Lucy Stone poster:
I wondered who Lucy Stone was, and why she



merited space on their site. I also found a Lucy Stone League at the following web site: http://www.lucystoneleague.org/. They say the league was originally founded in the United States in the 1920's, and their goals are about equal naming rights for men and women, among other related issues.

Then, I scooted over to the "American Partnership for Pets" to read about the 2002 puppy and kitten issue. They're at:
http://www.americanpartnershipforpets.org/

Intended to raise awareness about pet spaying and neutering, the issue was evidently very popular. It is sold out, the USPS having dis-

pensed 250 million stamps. A reprint might be in the offing.

At this Web site, and in several others I visited, it became evident that there were tight connections between stamp issues and social advocacy and business. Donations are solicited, and visitors are invited to buy products that feature the particular stamps in question. The spay/neuter product site is at: http://www.spayneuter.us/

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From there I looked at the 2003 commemorative issue in honor of Cesar E. Chavez, migrant farm worker and founder of the United Farm Workers of America [AFL-CIO (UFW)]. At the Cesar E. Chavez Foundation Online Store, I discovered more stamp-related products for sale.

My travels then took me to the USPS "Their Stamp on History" site at: http://www.stamponhistory.com/. It does a commendable job of recording and reporting stamp details. It also offers a handy link to the USPS Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee.

I passed a very pleasant afternoon, reading up on historical sketches and contemporary issues and events. I learned, for example, about the 1995 Harriet Tubman issue, about a famed crusader for the Underground Railroad and a champion for people. I read about the 1999 Ayn Rand issue and her work with "objectivism," and John Hanson who maybe should have been remembered as the first US President.

Then, I had a look at some medical related issues. I looked at the history and events related to the breast cancer semi-postal, that directly raised funds for breast cancer research through stamp sales. The USPS says "The price of a semi-postal pays for the First-Class single-piece postage rate in effect at the time of purchase plus an amount to fund causes that the Postal Service determines to be in the national public interest and appropriate." So far the stamp has raised $34 million for breast cancer research.

At the White House launch, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and Postmaster General William Henderson noted that the Breast Cancer Research stamp was the first U.S. stamp to have its net proceeds above the cost of postage earmarked for a research organization or cause.

The medical theme is also represented in the 1999 prostrate cancer awareness issue. The USPS says this was not a fund raising stamp like the breast cancer issue, but it significantly raised interest, and at an initial printing of 78.1 million stamps, was triple the normal first print-

ing for commemorative stamps.

Now what should we make of issues and facts such as this? There have been commemorative issues for a very long time, and even definitive issues often make a social or political statement of one sort or another. Personally, I am prepared to leave questions related to such matters to the respective governments, their stamp issuing agents and advisory councils, and postal users. I present a variety of stamp issues to illustrate only that the subjects of these issues are not entirely innocuous, and that they present, quite frequently, questions on which they may be a variety of views.

Though I offer no opinion on the subjects of these stamps, I would like to suggest that it is evident that issues are common grist for the postage stamp mill, and that statements are made, or impressions created by the events depicted. Political matters, then, are part of the philatelic world.

But as to pages, panels and posters, here we do have something that needs thinking about among we collectors of such things.

First of all, publications related to issues can have a high profile, and can have an importance of their own, quite apart from the stamp issue. They are, after all, broadsheets. Have a look at: http://www.prostatepointers.org/pcan/letter-pca-stamp.html, where you will see that the quantity of posters printed became a matter of political debate and social activism.

There is a second factor. It has to do with communications, and content. In the stamp development process, there are three main steps that are of interest from the communications perspective. First., there is the exercise of choosing to feature a certain subject. In that process, arguments for and against are assembled, and finally a rationale is presented and accepted. Then, there are the graphics of the stamp itself, launch details, links to agencies and causes and so on.

Finally, there are the communications that usher the issue into general use, including our posters and panels. Those latter items present information about the issue that is, or should be of interest to us. They convey, after all, the content and context of the issue for public consumption. But how often do we take the time to bother reading that content?

We ought to take the time if we are in the business of collecting what are, in the main, marketing materials. We might be surprised – from time to time. For there could be, in the lines crafted by advocates, producers and vendors, content that may say more about politics, than philately, That's assuming we can indeed make such a distinction.

David G. Jones
Member of the Board of Directors
ASPPP

AMERICAN EAGLE COIL PAGE REISSUED

By Ron Walenciak

As discussed in *Journal* Vol 20 No 3 in September 2003, the USPS agreed to reissue the 0321 American Eagle (presort) coil stamp Cancellation Page. The original Page had only two random coil stamps affixed of the ten different colors printed. The ASPPP discussed this with the USPS and we convinced them that collectors deserved to receive a Page with all ten different stamps!

In January the USPS mailed shipment 0307 containing Page 0321A. As an added bonus, because there is a plate number coil stamp every twenty stamps on the roll, half of the Pages shipped should probably have a plate number coil! Only the "gold eagle on green background" stamp can have a plate number.

Interestingly, John Ngai and I communicated via email shortly after receiving the Page, and the placement of the stamps on our Pages was identical; therefore, we made the assumption that all Pages looked the same and I posted an image on the ASPPP web site. In no time I received email from other members noting that they had a different placement than John or I. An email went out to the membership asking them to examine their Pages. For the most part, everyone who had a different placement than mine reported the exact same placement, which we now are referring to as "Type 2" as opposed to my "Type 1". No other collector has reported the same format as John and I have. Additionally, John and I have different watermarks on our Pages.

Three other collectors reported a variation of one of these types, and one collector reported what had to be a mistake (ten stamps, but only six of them different!)

I've illustrated the various types of American Eagle Cancellation Pages on the following page.

"Type 1" is a Page with all of the color eagles on gold background in the top row, and all of the gold eagles on color backgrounds in the bottom row. Within each row, the stamps are affixed from right to left in the same relative order they are found on the roll. The stamp with the plate number coil, gold on green background, is always in the bottom row, first position.

"Type 2" is a Page with the stamps affixed from right to left exactly as found on the roll. The plate number coil stamp is in the bottom row in the fifth position.

There has been one report of a "Type 2" Page with the top and bottom rows switched, sort of a "Type 2a". There have also been two reports of a "Type 2" with the third and fourth stamps in the top row switched.

The one glaring "error" was a "Type 2a" Page with the normal top row, a gray eagle on gold background stamp in the first (left) position of the bottom row, as expected, and the remaining stamps in the bottom row the same as the top row! This unusual Page had two of the gold on green stamps, and could possibly have ended up with two plate number coils, but the laws of probability prevailed and it has only one.

We would like to ask all of our members to review their Pages and look for differences. If you can't get to the web or can't email me, please write to me at my address shown on page 2. If you have a placement that's different than anything we've seen so far, please either try to scan it for me or have a color photocopy made. (If mailing the photocopy, please try to mail it flat.)

Never before have collectors been in a position like this, where we can compare our Pages to a "normal" Page on the web and look for varieties.

Type 1, all color eagles in top row, all gold eagles in bottom row. Colors (left to right):
Top: light blue, red, green, dark blue, gray. Bottom: green, dark blue, gray, red, light blue.

Type 2, rows shown as stamps appear on the coil roll. Colors (left to right):
Top: gray, light blue, dark blue, red, green. Bottom: gray, red, dark blue, light blue, green.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Information of interest to ASPPP Members

New Provisional Members:

As per Article 7.1 of our By-Laws, this is notice that the following new members have applied for membership in the ASPPP:

2310.. Hall, Daniel L., Glenview IL
2311.. D'Adamio, Nick, Evergreen CO
2312.. Pietrzyk, Donald, Iowa City IA
2313.. Palantekin, Erol N., Tampa FL
2314.. Eill, Henry, Plainview NY
2315.. Bourreau, Charles, Machias ME
2316.. Parker, Everett L (review copy)
2317.. Midlikoski, Ronald J., Helendale CA
2318.. Ennist, David L., Bethesda MD
2319.. Ullrich, Stu, Dacula GA

New Members shall remain "provisional" until the publication of the next *Journal*, at which time they will be listed in the section below as "New Regular Members" provided no dissenting vote based on evidence that the person is not of good character is received by the Membership Chairman, as per By-Laws Article 7.2.

Membership Statistics:

Active Members, Volume 20#4.....430
Memberships Expired ..... -17
New Members..... .10
Renewed/Previously Expired..... ...5
Active members, Volume 21#1.....428

Collecting Interest Codes:

A US Souvenir Pages
B Watermarks on Pages
C Plate Number Coils on Pages
D Error pages
E Page Oddities & Varieties
F First Day Canceled Stamp Posters
G Mint (uncanceled) Stamp Posters
H Privately-produced Pages
I US Commemorative Panels
J Error panels
K First Day Canceled Panels

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Page & Panel Philatelic Events:

April 2-4, 2004 - Dallas, TX
ASPPP 20th Anniversary Meeting!
Saturday April 3 at 1pm, dinner 6pm
TEXPEX 2004
Doubletree Hotel Dallas Near the Galleria
LBJ Freeway at Midway Road
4099 Valley View Lane

Show Coordinator: Gerald Blankenship

The ASPPP expects to participate in the following stamp shows (additional information will be provided as received):

August 12-15, 2004 - Sacramento, CA
APS STAMPSHOW
Sacramento Convention Center

Show coordinator: Ron Walenciak

August 20-22, 2004 - Indianapolis, IN
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TEXPEX 2004 TO WELCOME THREE INTERNATIONAL GROUPS PLUS 108th MEETING OF THE TEXAS PHILATELIC ASSN.

DALLAS – TEXPEX, the annual national philatelic exhibition in Texas, will welcome no less than three international groups as visiting societies to this year's show set for the Renaissance Dallas North Hotel, LBJ Freeway and Midway Road, April 2-4, 2004.

Philatelic organizations convening in Dallas this year are the Colombia/Panama Philatelic Society, Scouts on Stamps Society International and the American Society for Philatelic Pages & Panels (see profiles sheet). The show's website is < http://users.waymark.net/texpex/index.html >.

"When you combine these groups along with the many regional specialty groups who convene at TEXPEX each year, there is something for every collector," said show chairman Tom Koch. "And if there is not a specific group, our dealers offer the full gamut of philatelic persuasions."

The American Philatelic Association (APS) sanctioned "World Series of Philately" show offers free admission and free parking to everyone. Included is a Youth Fun Center open to all youngsters, a bourse of national and regional dealers, informative seminars by philatelic specialists, a three-day U.S. Postal Service substation with special show cancellation and philatelic items, and an awards banquet.

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The following items are illustrated in color on our web site, **www.asppp.org**.

- Year of the Rabbit USPS First Day Commemorative Panel: $7.00 each
- Purple Heart Page dual First Day Cancel, Mt Vernon (5/30/03) & Somerset (8/1/03) : $7.00 each postpaid (illustrated on the next page).
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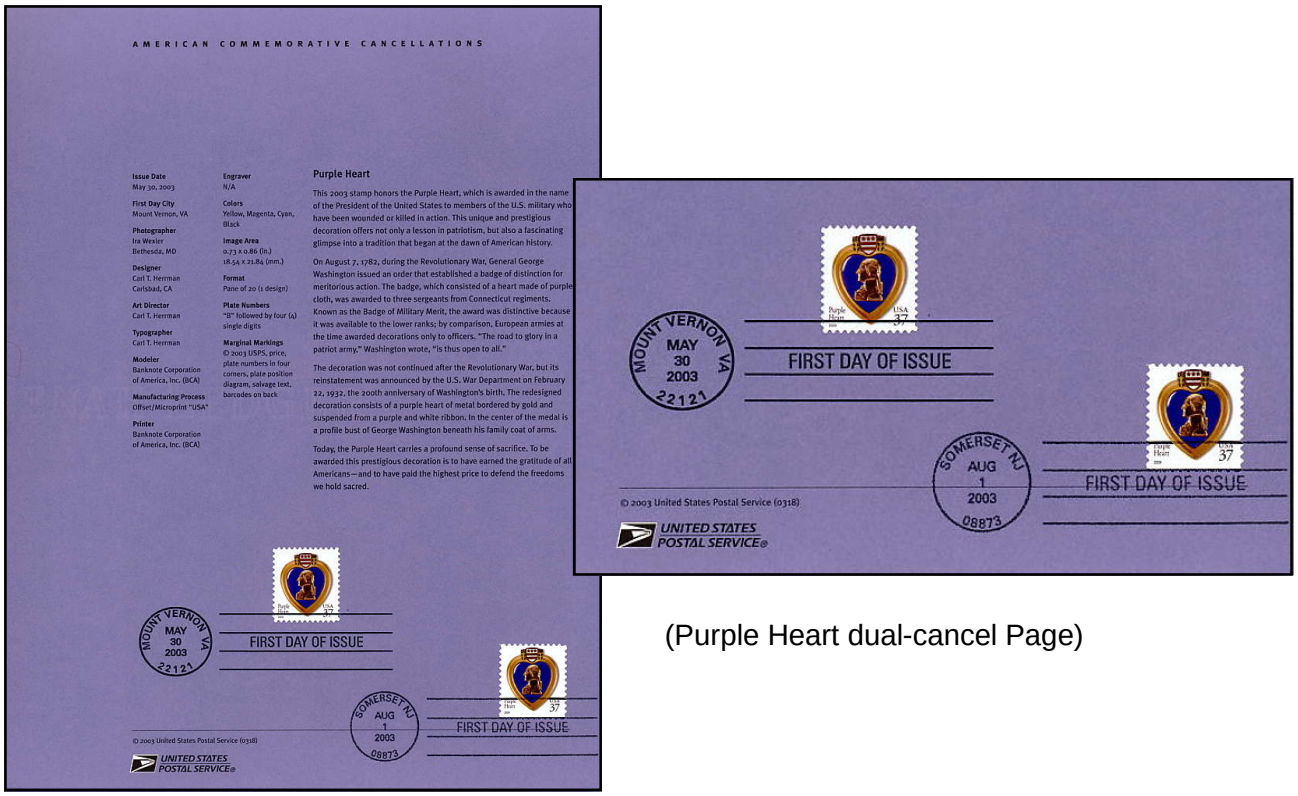

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Pane of 20 (1 design)

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Purple Heart

This 2003 stamp honors the Purple Heart, which is awarded in the name of the President of the United States to members of the U.S. military who have been wounded or killed in action. This unique and prestigious decoration offers not only a lesson in patriotism, but also a fascinating glimpse into a tradition that began at the dawn of American history.

On August 7, 1782, during the Revolutionary War, General George Washington issued an order that established a badge of distinction for meritorious action. The badge, which consisted of a heart made of purple cloth, was awarded to three sergeants from Connecticut regiments. Known as the Badge of Military Merit, the award was distinctive because it was available to the lower ranks; by comparison, European armies at the time awarded decorations only to officers. "The road to glory in a patriot army," Washington wrote, "is thus open to all."

The decoration was not continued after the Revolutionary War, but its reinstatement was announced by the U.S. War Department on February 22, 1932, the 200th anniversary of Washington's birth. The redesigned decoration consists of a purple heart of metal bordered by gold and suspended from a purple and white ribbon. In the center of the medal is a profile bust of George Washington beneath his family coat of arms.

Today, the Purple Heart carries a profound sense of sacrifice. To be awarded this prestigious decoration is to have earned the gratitude of all Americans—and to have paid the highest price to defend the freedoms we hold sacred.

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Coverlet Eagle

This stamp features an artistic rendering by Arthur G. Merkley of a detail from a Tyler coverlet. Harry Tyler (1801–1858) was a weaver who lived in Jefferson County, New York. Tyler made this coverlet, or bedspread, circa 1853 for Calista C. James.

The detail from the coverlet is an eagle emblem used by Tyler to sign his work. In the two bottom corners of his coverlets, he wove his personal symbol, along with the name of his customer, the date when the coverlet was made, and the words "Jefferson. Co. NY." From 1834 to 1844 Tyler used a lion to identify his coverlets. As a patriotic gesture, in 1845 he adopted the eagle as his new emblem.

Merkley's circa 1941 rendering of the coverlet is part of the Index of American Design, a visual record of American material culture at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C.

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